months (December, 1996 — May, 1997), as per data furnished by States, 2022.30 lakhs mandays of employment in the country as a whole, including 139.32 lakhs mandays in Karnataka, has been generated.

Non-Adherence of Fire Safety Norms

*5. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent major fire incident in Uphaar Cinema in Delhi resulting in death of about 60 persons, and other sporadic fire incidents in Delhi, are the result of non-adherence of the fire safety norms;

(b) if so, whether certificates granted to these establishments were issued after mandatory checks; and

(c) what are the reasons for these fire incidents and what preventive and precautionary measures have been taken to avoid recurrence of the same?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) The Uphaar Cinema incident can be attributed to non-observance of fire safety measures and failure to take immediate action for evacuation of persons entrapped in the Cinema Hall.

(b) 'No Objection Certificate' from fire safety angle in respect of Uphaar Cinema was issue by Delhi Fire Service Department after ensuring the functionalability of fire safety equipment.

(c) The fire at Uphaar Cinema started from the transformer located at ground level of the complex. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have got all the cinema halls and banquet halls inspected to ensure that shortcomings wherever noticed are removed.

District and State Level Telephone Advisory Committees in Gujarat

*6. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telephone Advisory Committees for all the District level and the State level in Gujarat Circle have been constituted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Members of Parliament from the State have been nominated on all the District/State level Commitees representing their own constituencies in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) The Telephone Advisory Committees for Gujarat Telecom Circle and all the Telephone Districts therein have been constituted except for Bharuch and Sabarkantha Telephone Districts.

(c) to (e) As on date 28 MPs from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have been nominated in various District/State level TACs in Gujarat Telecom Circle representing their constituencies as in Statement-I (*See* below) Eleven MPs both from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha as in Statement-II (*See* below) who have not conveyed their willingness or option regarding their adopted constituencies, are yet to be nominated.